**ACT IV Reading Questions NAME:**

1. Why do you think Miller sets Act IV in a jail? What does it mean about the progress of the witch trials?

2. Why do you think Herrick is drunk?

3. Where has Abby gone and what might that mean?

4. What has changed in Parris and Hale?

5. A “martyr” is someone who dies for a cause and becomes a symbol for that cause. Therefore, people continue to fight something in the name of that person who has died. How does this idea of a “martyr” apply in Act IV?

6. Why will Danforth not grant a pardon or postponement? Why will he “hang ten thousand”?

7. Why is Elizabeth summoned?

8. What does Giles Corey’s death say about his life?

9. Explain, using examples, why John Proctor will not sign the confession. (hint: page 143 – the cry of his whole soul).

10. Explain Elizabeth’s last line.